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ay, Me.



Business Resumed.
Having recovered from my recent illness, I will in the future as in the past receive a large number of Horses each week. I keep constantly on hand a good stock of Harnesses for my team Harness a specialty.

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in Time. Sold by druggists.

R.—No, he thinks that "Women act their parts when they do make their ordered houses known."

L.—I think that point will be on him on the present occasion; perhaps it might show him that to order a household might call as much talent into requisition as to manage a company of actors. I should like to convince him that ladies have a versatility of talent, and if he lives till to-morrow, he shall have more speak on the stage, and I hope have ladies in the audience to applaud him.

R.—Very well, I should like to see you and I "shan't do anything else."

Exit.

"Only nervous" is a sure indication that the speaker is a nervous person.

send your full post-office address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

In the poem "Trust" the "Must not complain" should be "Without complain" and "There the Sources" should be "Thou the Source." This poem was written by a lady who has had the misfortune to lose her eyesight. She not only composes but writes herself.

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For Infants and Children.

The famous signature of *Dr. H. C. Wier* is on every wrapper.

Royal Hammond of Brownfield has been granted an additional pension, and Thomas B. Smith of the same town an

"	of Edwards farm,		
"	Smith & Grayland,		
"	C. F. Kimball stand west side of Cottage St.,	34	15 73
"	Howe lot, near Runford road,	34	71
"	Tannery barn lot,	1-8	
Kilgore, A. D.,	Homestead at F. N. Haskell's corner,	1-8	429
"	blacksmith shop on adjoining lot,	1-10 1/2	
Knapp, J. H.,	Homestead occupied by him,	138 1/2	14 66
Long, J. E.,	Elmer & Frost land,	2-3	14 97
"	Homestead occupied by him,	1-10	29
"	Stable and lot adjacent to F. N. Haskell's,	1-10	15 80
Millett, N. W.,	Homestead occupied by him,	125	10 07
"	Homestead occupied by his family,	1-8	12 89
Millett, Eugene D.,	Stand on Runford road,	1-4	13 00
Money, Alexander,	Homestead occupied by him,	124	11 65
Newcomb, Thomas L.,	Homestead occupied by him,	7	7 34
Nichols, C. S.,	Island near head of Lake Pemuncessewassee,	1-32	14 06
Pine Island Association,	Homestead occupied by him,	1-8	11 65
"	Homestead occupied by him,	1-8	2 81
Pratt, Herbert E.,	F. N. Haskell stand, off Water St.,	15	4 01
Richardson, S. G.,	Homestead occupied by him,	20	2 86
"	grove farm,	1-10	
Rolfe, Mrs. A. A.,	Homestead occupied by her,	182	6 18
Shedd, Mrs. Sarah J.,	Homestead occupied by her,	120	7 59
Walker, Mrs. Flora E.,	" " family,	8	6 15
Watson, Daniel A.,	" " him,	115	8 70
NON-RESIDENT.			
Dewing, Frank A.,	Lot purchased of Geo. W. Hobbs, south of Lake outlet,	1-8	1 14
Johnson, Herbert A.,	Lot on south side of Paris St.,	1	2 14
Merrill, Clarence W.,	of Eldon Brown and Mark Lamrock estate, Land on Water St., below pumping station lot and J. Hatch estate,	1-2	1 14
Nutting, J. D.,	The David T. Black lot, south side of Main St., adjoining Mrs. J. C. Hobbs' land,	1-8	3 08
Shedd, Mrs. Phoebe, or unknown,	The Sylvanus Cobb stand, north side of Danforth St., corner of Main St.,	1-2	1 73
Snell, Charles, or unknown,	Part lot No. 4, Range,	14	15 43

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We note their tender greetings,
We heed their lessons well,
Their coming and their going
Life's lessons they are telling,
They hold fraternal meetings
In wooded dale and bower;
Each for his neighbor's pleasure,
More joyous autumn shower.

All animate creation
Holds lessons well in store,
To guide our mental vision,
To equal rights restore.
Here we may learn a lesson
From each and every clod,
To train our best endeavors,
To cheer the heart of God.

To drive from our hearts care,
Each selfish, selfish care;
Inspire to grand endeavor,
Man's mission to declare.
When age is creeping o'er us,
Life's autumn, bleak and drear,
We find our hand together,
Our drooping hearts to cheer.

So here we meet in union,
Congenial hearts appear,
Where kindred join with kindred
In gracious, joyous cheer.
When summer's healthful breezes,
The balmy zephyr blow,
And fruits of coming autumn
In radiant beauty glow.

We'll meet and greet and welcome
Our friends and kindred here,
The fathers and the mothers,
With children doubly dear.
Ye fathers and ye mothers,
We congratulate again;
These children here in numbers,
These gifts you gladly bring.

Here's Howard with his seven,
A strong and sturdy crew,
He claims the right to honor,
The seat of second place.

And here we'll honor Martha,
Not of the sturdy old,
So careful of her serving,
In ancient days of yore.

But Martha of this household,
So carefully hath run,
In summing up her offspring,
She numbers naught but one.
Sanford, the strong and sturdy,
A trio his full share;
Then follows brother Edwin,
Two charges to his care.

And last, not least, comes Hiram,
Fourteen to answer call,
With these his sons and daughters,
He leads, outvies them all.
He heeds Divine guidance,
To increase and multiply;
He claims the higher station,
His motto is, to try.

SNOW'S FALLS.

Alice May Sparks of Boston is visiting her little cousin, Ella L. Wood.

Moses D. Smith returned from Yarmouth, Saturday, where he has been haying.

A party of eight ladies and gentlemen from Norway took a picnic dinner in Hammond's grove, the first of the week.

Fred J. Wood returned home from Boston, Saturday. He has been away three weeks, spending the first ten days or so surveying in Kingfield, Maine.

The Universalist and Baptist Sunday-schools of Paris Hill united in a picnic in Hammond's grove, last Tuesday. About 120 were present. The slight shower soon after noon was more appreciated, and the occasion was a pleasant one.

About eighty people were present at the Congregational S. S. picnic from Paris, Thursday, the 14th. They have many times selected this place for their annual picnic and always seem to enjoy themselves. The day was beautiful. Ice cream was served after dinner, and we can testify to its excellence.

NORWAY CENTER.

New arrivals at Maplecroft.—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Caverly, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cushing, W. R. Ingalls, all from Lynn; Miss Eaton and Miss Strahan from Chelsea.

ALBANY.

Bernice Lebrake is stopping with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Parris Page of Waterford.

Mrs. Annie Allen has returned to her home in Waterford from visiting her sister, Mrs. Marilla Lebrake.

A most ineffable display of nature's fireworks visited this place and vicinity, Sunday night and again Monday night, accompanied by a terrific downpour of rain and hail, doing considerable damage.

The scene was at once grand and terrible, and was doubtless appreciated by the courageously inclined but we do not hesitate to affirm that manufactured fireworks are good enough for us.

The lawn party and ice cream festival under the auspices of the Ladies' Club in behalf of the church, was a very enjoyable occasion. A musical entertainment freely given by the Andrews Bros., violinists; Linwood Flint, banjo soloist; Mrs. Scott Bisbee, piano accompanist; Waterford; all artists of a high order, was a rare treat and highly appreciated. Ballad singing by Alice Bass and Maud Bean was very nice. Nina Bean and Joan Johnson sang a negro melody which was well received. Then little Carolyn Bass, aged four, amused the audience by singing, "My Galam a High Born Lady." Recitations by Evelyn Wilbur, Maud Stanley, Arthur Andrews and Vivian Lord were all very good. The lawn was beautifully illuminated by Japanese lanterns of varied designs and colorings, kindly loaned by G. F. Bean of Bethel.

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

J. Dival and family have moved into Dana Bean's house.

Mrs. J. Hall has several city boarders, ladies, at Mt. Zion.

Lorraine Roberts and R. H. Sessions are cutting hay at Mt. Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Bryant of Bethel recently visited at Fred Bryant's.

Thomas Barrett, wife and daughter of Lewiston are guests at R. E. Farnum's.

Mrs. R. H. Sessions recently visited her sister, Mrs. John Bean, at Locke's Mills.

Eugene Farnum of New Gloucester is staying for his grandfather, George York.

Mrs. Marie Bryant and sister, Stella Russ, recently visited friends in this neighborhood.

Fred Bryant carried a load of nice potatoes to Rumford Falls, recently, receiving \$1 per bushel.

Mrs. F. Bryant has sold over 150 lbs. of nice butter from two cows, this summer, at Rumford Falls.

N. Farnum and wife visited his brother, C. H. Farnum of South Rumford, last Sunday, and got caught away in the shower.

Favorable reports are received from Mrs. George Whitman, at the Portland Hospital. Mrs. Ella Hamblin has the care of the family work.

Estell, the adopted daughter of the late Wm. Hemingway, is visiting friends in Milton. She resides with her husband at Auburn. We did not learn his name.

Another terrific thunder shower passed over this valley, Sunday, accompanied with high wind. The lightning struck the wire fence near the barn on the David York place in Milton, shattering one post, throwing the splinters quite a distance; and following the wire, loosened a number of other posts. Last summer, the lightning struck a tree in the same vicinity.

SOUTH HARRISON.

Frank Chaplin is on a trip to Cumberland Mills.

Frank Allen of Windham is on a visit at this place.

And still there is a large amount of grass to be cut yet.

Eva Morrison of Auburn was the guest of A. C. Buck recently.

Howard Randall and wife will attend the New England Fair, this week.

Charles Chaplin, who has been haying at Falmouth, has returned home.

Ella Thompson has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wallace Caswell, at the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Page were made happy by the advent of a girl baby, Aug. 13th.

Foxes are quite plenty and tame in this vicinity. One was seen in Joe Strout's barn the other day.

LOVELL.

Mrs. Small of Bradford is visiting her sister, Mrs. Warren Charles.

Some of the summer guests are going home while others are coming.

Sophia Russell is visiting here and Nettie Andrews came home, Saturday.

The Christian Circle was entertained at the town house, Tuesday, by Mrs. Benjamin Russell.

F. M. Russell and wife have started for their home in Somerville, stopping at Waterford on the way.

Near B. E. Brown's cottage at Upper Kezar, one day recently, 27 bass weighing 68½ pounds were caught by a party consisting of Brown, G. H. Moore and Dr. Hubbard of this town and Dr. Lowe of Washington.

New potatoes are selling for forty cents a peck.

Mrs. Annie H. Farnham of Augusta is calling on old friends in town.

S. C. Bassett and wife of Haverhill are visiting at E. S. Farrington's.

H. A. Jewett and C. H. Barker had new corn from their gardens, Aug. 13.

Walter Deorow of Boston is stopping with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Emery.

A Little Misunderstanding.

A South Paris Man Gets Hot Over a Joke That Was Perpetrated upon Him upon the Stage at Electra Park.—The Advertiser Gives the Humorist Who is a Maine Man an Opportunity to Explain Just His Position in the Matter in a Spicy Communication.

EDITOR OF NORWAY ADVERTISER:

DEAR SIR.—Saturday evening, at Electra Park I had the honor to present a recitation in my specialties, of "Face upon the Bar Room Floor." This recitation pictures an inebriate, who was an artist, in a bar room. They jolly him and ask him to sing. He says that if they will give him a drink he will tell them how his young wife was lured away from him by "a friend of mine."

He at the close of his story paints her "lovely face" upon the floor and with "fearful shriek" falls dead across it. It is a sad story, a very human one. To relieve the sombre picture I took the liberty to burlesque it, introducing the names of well known citizens at various points. For instance where he says, "I was a painter, not one of those that dabble with liquid struck me, and Joe Smith, putting in the name of some house painter of a town. And, again, after the line, "And as he placed another look upon the shapely head," I added, one of Jess Hunter's locks. And again, "Once I was a man with muscle, frame and health—when I worked in Mel Sampson's barber shop," and so on. I introduced Constable Bassett's name.

He was not at the park, but when I saw him, Monday, at Norway was much amused at the paragraph with his name in it and never thought of taking offense.

At the first of the piece I used the name of a citizen of South Paris who is warmly interested in temperance reform, and is what some people have come to consider a crank upon the subject of temperance. He was represented as the proprietor of the saloon, the vagabond enters and the very anomalous idea of his being connected in the most remote degree with liquor struck me, and Joe Smith, as most incongruous and good for a laugh. I never in my wildest fancy thought that he would do otherwise than regard the joke as a piece of excellent humor. But the gentleman's friends seem to have resented the "gag" deeply, regarding it as an insult.

I can say that in my time I too have struck a good blow for the cause of temperance and would not willingly hurt a good man's feelings who is working for the upliftment of his fellowmen. Neither would I, on the other hand so deeply resent the innocent humor of a poor artist as to desire to sweep him off the earth, or into it, as far as South Paris is concerned. This is more than one way in which this gentleman and hispead-jutors can preach temperance and religion. It is to be charitable and merciful towards their fellowmen especially when they innocently incur their indignation, and be it righteous or otherwise. A humorist has no sting for any one in any of his fancies; it is far from him to cause any one pain or injury. With these words of explanation, through your kindness I leave myself in the hands of the public who have taken to the funny side with what talent I possess, trusting that they will understand my position and regretting deeply that I was so unfortunate as to be taken seriously at all in the humorous side of my public work. Some people seem to require a surgical operation to get a joke into their heads.

Let me add to this, perhaps voluminous letter, that it pains me to the heart to find anyone in South Paris trying to deprive the local jokes, if they should succeed it would make business for the undertaker, for nothing is so conducive to good health and longevity as innocent merriment. Any sensible citizen can not believe with alarm any arbitrary measures aimed at the restriction of laughter. Are the good people of South Paris prepared to be excommunicated from the church and society because they crack a joke upon a temperance worker or on the funny side of the Maine law? We think not. They are looking for all the rational laughter they can find. The fine amateur minstrel Co. of South Paris would indeed think it funny if they could not get out a good on some well known citizen. This license is considered one of the indisputable prerogatives of a performer. At the show, Monday evening, Mr. Atwood, the popular editor of the Oxford Democrat, was pictured as the advance agent of two citizens circus. Mr. Perkins, the pleasant clerk of the Andrews House, was mentioned by the soubrette of the Comedy Co. No one thought anything about it. And when a man for such a cause gets out his hammer he says I think. Again, to be serious, while bar tenders are not generally considered as bright and shining ornaments of society, especially in Maine, many of them are living pictures, moral pictures, real living temperance sermons, daily before the eyes of the people, men who have seen the evils of intemperance, who are so afraid of liquor and the dire dangers with which it menaces them that they would not touch a drop upon their lives. There they are, daily dealing in the fatal fluids but sitting upon the throne of reason, touching not a drop of it. Many temperance lecturers would suffer in comparison with these men.

To close let me say that I would soon be pictured as a saint and temperance worker, who never turn a hungry man away from his door, than an unmerciful hard hearted temperance reformer. Such an one will drive men to drink instead of from it. It is quite a puzzle how to deal with perverse humanity. Respectfully,

N. W. HAMM.

DENMARK.

A. H. Witham has put a new pump in his well.

We had a powerful shower, Monday morning.

Mrs. Chas. Hanscom went to Bridgton, last Thursday.

Fred Day is home from Manchester, N. H., on a vacation.

Elwood Pendexter came home, Saturday, for a two weeks' vacation, from Greenwood, Mass.

Mrs. Nellie Flanders still remains poorly and A. H. Witham still continues very feeble.

Geo. Walker of Massachusetts has been in town, the past week, attending his mother in her last days.

Mrs. Augusta Wentworth and children of Cumberland Mills are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jordan.

Fred G. Kneeland of L. O. of Bowdoin '97 has been engaged as principal of the high school for the next term in Denmark.

Stephen Rowe, Ernest Ingalls, Arthur and Harley Jack with their oxen and horses are off this week to the fair at Rigby Park.

Prof. Morrison A. Holmes and wife from their summer home in Lee, Mass., and President of Avory Institute, Charleston, S. C., A. M. A. School, have visited their daughter and family, Rev. C. F. Sargent, the past week.

Mrs. Emily, wife of Moody F. Walker, died, Aug. 11, aged 76 years. Mrs. Walker has been a patient in the hospital for many years, and for several years has sat in her chair night and day, and has been a great sufferer as well as a great care.

OTISFIELD.

Etta Smith is quite sick.

Blueberries are very plenty, in this vicinity.

O. N. Edwards swapped cows with Charlie Tenney of Casco.

Hattie Scribner is at work for Ferdinand Kase, doing housework.

Bertha Edwards has gone to Old Orchard beach, to stay a few days.

Gene Edwards and family called on S. L. Knight and family, recently.

Frank Latulip and family visited friends at Mechanic Falls, recently.

Mrs. A. H. Smith and son Arthur are visiting at S. D. Andrews', at Norway.

Elmer Chandler and family of Lynn, Mass., are visiting at Mrs. Phoebe Turner's.

Ice cream supper at Endeavor Hall, Friday evening. A good time was enjoyed.

Helen B. Edwards, who works for Mrs. Dr. Elliott, was at home a little while, last Sabbath.

Ernest Edwards, a college student from South Windham, visited friends and relatives in this place, last week.

Mrs. Abbie Chapman and daughter, Mrs. Nellie Stinson, of Concord, N. H., who have been visiting at Geo. Scribner's, have returned home.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

F. S. McDonald of Gray was in the place, over Sunday.

Elias Morton of Billerica, Mass., and Theo. Morse of Kent's Hill are visiting at Wm. H. Stickney's.

E. Philbrook's sister from Georgia is visiting him. She hasn't seen her brother since he was four years old.

Hiram Gatchell has been confined to his room by sickness, for three weeks past, but seems to be slightly improving, at present.

Mrs. Frank Mansfield of Providence, R. I., is spending a few weeks with relatives and old acquaintances at East Brownfield.

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To cheer the heart of man.
To drive from out his nature,
Each sordid, selfish care,
Inspire to grand endeavor,
Man's mission to declare.
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Life's autumn, bleak and drear,
We find our hearts together,
Our drooping hearts to cheer.
So here we meet in union,
Congenial hearts appear,
Where kindred join with kindred,
In gracious, joyous cheer.
When summer's healthful breezes,
The balmy zephyrs blow,
And fruits of coming autumn
In radiant beauty grow,
We'll meet and greet and welcome
Our friends who gladly here,
The fathers and the mothers,
With children and the dear,
Ye fathers and ye mothers,
We congratulate again;
These children here in numbers,
These girls you gladly here,
Here's Howard with his seven,
A strong and sturdy race;
He claims the right to honor,
The seat of second place.
And here we'll honor Martha,
Not of the staid and old,
So careful of her serving,
In ancient data told,
But Martha of this household,
So carefully hath run,
In summing up her offspring,
She numbers naught but one,
Sanford, the strong and sturdy,
A trio his full share;
Then follows brother Edwin,
Two charges to his care.
And last, not least, comes Hiram,
Forty-four to answer call,
With these his sons and daughters,
He leads, outvies them all.
He heeds Divine injunction,
To increase and multiply;
He claims the higher station,
His motto is, to try.

SNOW'S FALLS.

Alice May Sparks of Boston is visiting her little cousin, Ella L. Wood.

Moses D. Smith returned from Yarmouth, Saturday, where he has been buying.

A party of eight ladies and gentlemen from Norway took a picnic dinner in Hammond's grove, the first of the week.

Fred J. Wood returned home from Boston, Saturday. He had been away three weeks, spending the first ten days or so surveying in Kingfield, Maine.

The Universalist and Baptist Sunday-schools of Paris Hill united in a picnic in Hammond's grove, last Tuesday. About 120 were present.

The shower soon after noon only made the occasion was a pleasant one.

About eighty people were present at the Congregational S. S. picnic from South Paris, Thursday, the 12th. They have many times selected this place for their annual picnic and always seem to enjoy themselves. The day was beautiful. Ice cream was served after dinner, and we can testify to its excellence.

NORWAY CENTER.

New arrivals at Maplecroft: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cawley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cushing, W. R. Ingalls, all from Lynn; Miss Raton and Miss Strahan from Chelsea.

ALBANY.

Bernice Lebrooke is stopping with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Parris Page of Waterford.

Mrs. Annie Allen has returned to her home in Waterford from visiting her sister, Mrs. Marilla Lebrooke.

A most inebriate display of nature's fireworks visited this place and vicinity, Sunday night and again Monday night, accompanied by a terrific downpour of rain and hail, doing considerable damage. The scene was at once grand and terrible, and was doubtless appreciated by the courageously inclined but we do not hesitate to affirm that manufactured fireworks are good enough for us.

The lawn party and ice cream festival under the auspices of the Ladies' Club in behalf of the church, was a very enjoyable occasion. A musical entertainment freely given by the Andrews Bros., violinists; Linwood Flint, banjo soloist; Mrs. Scott Hisebee, piano accompanist, of Waterford; all artists of a high order, was a rare treat and highly appreciated. Ballad singing by Alice Bass and Maud Bean was very nice. Nina Bean and Fern Johnson sang a negro melody which was well received. Then little Carolyn Bass, aged four, amused the audience by singing, "My Galam a High Born Lady." Recitations by Evelyn Wilbur, Maud Stanley, Arthur Andrews and Vivian Lord were all very good. The lawn was beautifully illuminated by Japanese lanterns of varied designs and colorings, kindly loaned by G. F. Bean of Bethel.

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

J. Dvinal and family have moved into Dana Bear's house.

Mrs. J. Hall has several city boarders, ladies, at Mt. Zion.

Lorraine Roberts and R. H. Sessions are cutting hay at Mt. Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Bryant of Bethel recently visited at Fred Bryant's.

Thomas Barrett, wife and daughter of Lewiston are guests at R. E. Farnum's.

Mrs. R. H. Sessions recently visited her sister, Mrs. John Bean, at Locke's Mills.

Eugene Farnum of New Gloucester is staying for his grandfather, George York.

Mrs. Annie Bryant and sister, Stella Russ, recently visited friends in this neighborhood.

Fred Bryant carried a load of nice potatoes to Rumford Falls, recently, receiving \$1 per bushel.

Mrs. F. Bryant has sold over 150 lbs. of nice butter from two cows, this summer, at Rumford Falls.

N. Farnum and wife visited his brother, C. H. Farnum of South Rumford, last Sunday, and got caught away in the shower.

Favorable reports are received from Mrs. George Whitman, at the Portland Hospital. Mrs. Ella Hamblin has the care of the family work.

Estella, the adopted daughter of the late Wm. Hemingway, is visiting friends in Milton. She resides with her husband at Auburn. We did not learn his name.

Another terrific thunder shower passed over this valley, Sunday, accompanied with high wind. The lightning struck the wire fence near the barn on the David York place in Milton, shattering one post, throwing the splinters quite a distance; and following the wire, loosened a number of other posts. Last summer, the lightning struck a tree in the same vicinity.

SOUTH HARRISON.

Frank Chaplin is on a trip to Cumberland Mills.

Frank Allen of Windham is on a visit at this place.

And still there is a large amount of grass to be cut yet.

Eva Morrison of Auburn was the guest of A. C. Buck recently.

Howard Randall and wife will attend the New England Fair, this week.

Charles Chaplin, who has been staying at Falmouth, has returned home.

Ella Thompson has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wallace Caswell, at the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Page were made happy by the advent of a girl baby, Aug. 13th.

Foxes are quite plenty and tame in this vicinity. One was seen in Joe Strout's barn the other day.

LOVELL.

Mrs. Small of Bradford is visiting her sister, Mrs. Warren Charles.

Some of the summer guests are going home while others are coming.

Sophia Russell is visiting here and Nettie Andrews came home, Saturday.

The Christian Circle was entertained at the town house, Tuesday, by Mrs. Benjamin Russell.

F. M. Russell and wife have started for their home in Somerville, stopping at Waterford on the way.

Near E. B. Brown's cottage at Upper Keegan, one day recently, 27 bass weighing 8½ pounds were caught by a party consisting of Brown, G. H. Moore and Dr. Hubbard of this town and Dr. Lowe of Washington.

New potatoes are selling for forty cents a peck.

Mrs. Annie H. Farnham of Augusta is calling on old friends in town.

S. C. Bassett and wife of Haverhill are visiting at E. S. Farrington's.

H. A. Jewett and C. H. Barker had new corn from their gardens, Aug. 13.

Walter Dechow of Boston is stopping with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Emery.

Lovell ball team played at Bridgton with the Harrisons, Aug. 14, 10 to 8 in favor of the Harrisons. It was a hot game from start to finish, with Lovell in the lead till the 9th inning.

John L. Quint, a Lovell boy, has bought Hotel Manowandaw at Kezar Falls. It is a fine house, well furnished, every room in the house giving a fine river or mountain view. Mr. Quint is used to the business and has the best wishes of his Lovell friends.

EAST OXFORD.

Lester Johnson was at home from Buckfield, Sunday.

A very heavy shower past over this place, Sunday night.

Adelard Gagne was visited, Sunday, by his mother and sisters from Lewiston.

As Ethel M. Billings was passing in front of a horse, Sunday, it jumped and bit her beside the head, tearing her ear quite badly.

Mr. T. Perkins of Philadelphia, Penn., who has been spending the summer at Old Orchard, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. P. J. Billings.

A Little Misunderstanding.

A South Paris Man Gets Hot Over a Joke That Was Perpetrated upon Him upon the Stage at Electric Park. The Advertiser Gives the Humorist Who is a Maine Man an Opportunity to Explain Just His Position in the Matter in a Spicy Communication.

EDITOR OF NORWAY ADVERTISER:

DEAR SIR:—Saturday evening, at Electric Park I had the honor to present a recitation in my specialties, of "The Face upon the Bar Room Floor." This recitation pictures an inebriate, who was an artist, in a bar room. They jolly him and ask him to sing. He says that if they will give him a drink he will tell them a funny story instead. He tells them how his young wife was lured away from him by "a friend of mine." He at the close of his story paints her "lovely face" upon the floor and with "fearful shriek" falls dead across it. It is a sad story of weak humanity. To relieve the sombre picture, I introduced a burlesque of it, introducing the names of well known citizens at various points. For instance where he says, "I was a painter, not one of those that daub on bricks and wood" I add, like Joe Sars, as most incongruous and good for a laugh, "I never in my wildest fancy thought that he would do otherwise than regard the joke as a piece of excellent humor. But the gentleman's friends seem to have resented the 'gag' deeply, regarding it as an insult. I can say that in my time I too have struck a good blow for the cause of temperance and would not willingly hurt a good man's feelings who is working for the upliftment of his fellowmen. Nor would I, on the other hand so deeply resent the innocent humor of a poor artist as to desire to sweep him off the earth, or into it, as far as South Paris is concerned. There is more than one way in which this gentleman and his associates can preach temperance and religion. It is to be charitable and merciful towards their fellowmen especially when they innocently incur their indignation, and be it righteous, or otherwise. A humorist has no mortal sin in making a joke of his fancies; it is far from him to cause any one pain or injury. With these words of explanation, through your kindness I leave myself in the hands of the public whom I am humbly trying to serve with what I possess, trusting that they will understand my position and regretting deeply that I was so unfortunate as to be taken seriously at in the humorous side of my public work. Some people seem to require a surgical operation to get a joke into their heads.

Let me add to this, perhaps voluminous letter, that it pains me to the heart to find anyone in South Paris trying to deprive the people of good local jokes. If they should succeed it would make business for the undertaker, for nothing is so conducive to good health and longevity as innocent merriment. Any sensible citizen can not but view with alarm any arbitrary measures aimed at the restriction of laughter. Are the good people of South Paris prepared to be excommunicated from the church and society because they crack a joke upon a temperance worker or at the funny side of the Maine law? We think not. They are looking for all the rational laughter they can find. The fine amateur minstrel Co. of South Paris would indeed think it funny if they could not get off a grind on some well known citizen. This license is considered one of the indisputable prerogatives of a performer. At the show, Monday evening, Mr. Atwood, the popular editor of the Oxford Democrat, was pictured as the advance agent of two citizens circus. Mr. Perkins, the pleasant clerk of the Andrews House, was mentioned by the subterfuge of the Comedy Co. No one thought anything about it. And when a man for such a cause gets at his hammer he errs I think. Again, to be serious, while bar tenders are not generally considered as bright and shining ornaments of society, especially in Maine, many of them are living pictures, moral pictures, real living temperance sermons, daily before the eyes of the people, men who have seen the evils of intemperance, who are so afraid of liquor and the dire dangers with which it menaces them that they would not touch a drop upon their lives. There they are, daily dealing in the fatal fluid but sitting upon the throne of reason, touching not a drop of it. Many temperance lecturers would suffer in comparison with these men.

To close let me say that I would sooner be pictured as a saloon keeper with a warm heart, who would never turn a hungry man away from his door, than an unmerciful hard hearted temperance reformer. Such an one will drive men to drink instead of from it. It is quite a puzzle how to deal with perverse humanity. Respectfully,

N. W. HAMM.

DENMARK.

A. H. Witham has put a new pump in his well.

We had a powerful shower, Monday morning.

Mrs. Chas. Hanscome went to Bridgton last Thursday.

Fred Day is home from Manchester, N. H., on a vacation.

Elwood Pendexter came home, Saturday, for a two weeks' vacation, from Greenwood, Mass.

Mrs. Nellie Flanders still remains poorly and Mrs. H. Witham still continues very feeble.

Geo. Walker of Massachusetts has been in town, the past week, attending his mother in her last days.

Mrs. Augusta Wentworth and children of Cumberland Mills are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jordan.

Fred G. Kneeland, of Lovell, of Bowdoin '97 has been engaged as principal of the high school for the next term in Denmark.

Stephen Rowe, Ernest Ingalls, Arthur and Harley Jack with their oxen and

horses are off this week to the fair at Rigby Park.

Prof. Morrison A. Holmes and wife from their summer home in Lee, Mass., and President of Avory Institute, Charleston, S. C., A. M. A. School, have visited their daughter and family, Rev. C. F. Sargent, the past week.

Mrs. Emily, wife of Moody F. Walker, died, Aug. 11, aged 76 years. Mrs. Walker has been a poor helpless cripple for many years, and for several years has sat in her chair night and day, and has been a great sufferer as well as a great care.

OTISFIELD.

Etta Smith is quite sick.

Blueberries are very plenty, in this vicinity.

O. N. Edwards swapped cows with Charlie Tenney of Casco.

Hattie Scribner is at work for Fernall Keene, doing housework.

Bertha Edwards has gone to Old Orchard beach, to stay a few days.

Gen. Edwards and family called on S. L. Knight and family, recently.

Frank Latulip and family visited friends at Mechanic Falls, recently.

Mrs. A. H. Smith and son Arthur are visiting at S. D. Andrews', at Norway.

Elmer Chandler and family of Lynn, Mass., are visiting at Mrs. Phoebe Turner's.

Ice cream supper at Endeavor Hall, Friday evening. A good time was enjoyed.

Helen B. Edwards, who works for Mrs. Dr. Elliott, was at home a little while, last Sabbath.

Ernest Edwards, a college student from South Windham, visited friends and relatives in this place, last week.

Mrs. Abbie Chapman and daughter, Mrs. Nellie Stimson, of Concord, N. H., who have been visiting at Geo. Scribner's, have returned home.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

F. S. McDonald of Grey was in the place, over Sunday.

Ellas Morton of Billerica, Mass., and Theo. Morse of Kent's Hill are visiting at Wm. H. Stickney's.

E. Philbrook's sister from Georgia is visiting him. She hasn't seen her brother since he was four years old.

Hiram Gatchell has been confined to his room by sickness, for three weeks past, but seems to be slightly improving, at present.

Mrs. Frank Mansfield of Providence, R. I., is spending a few weeks with relatives and old acquaintances at East Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Giles and Cora Gatchell arrived in Brownfield, last Saturday, from California, being absent about six weeks.

The wet weather has injured all kinds of crops, in this section. Potatoes are very scarce and are selling for \$1.00 and \$1.25 per bushel. There are no apples for any price. Mosquitoes were never more numerous or hungry than for a few days past, and we saw a traveler pass, just now, protected with screen cloth. Many farmers have been obliged to array themselves in like manner, while about their work.

NORTH PARIS.

Hannah Perkins is staying at Mrs. Diantha Fuller's.

Gertrude Bonney has been visiting at Everett Robbins'.

Hon. Sidney Perham was here in this locality one day recently.

Will Blood, wife and baby were at Kingman Churchill's lately.

King Churchill has hired Phony Hammond to work a month.

William Field is helping E. E. Field to finish haying and get his grain.

Many of our farmers are still wishing for good weather to finish haying and get their grain.

Mrs. Fannie Bisbee has visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kingman Churchill, the past week.

The heaviest showers of the season passed over this place, Sunday night; torrents of rain fell.

The Baptist society are to have an ice cream festival at the Baptist church, Friday evening, Aug. 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Dean were at F. E. Gowell's, Aug. 8th. Mrs. Dean had stayed there a few days.

D. S. Jackson from Rumford, who has been at work for Everett Robbins haying, has finished and gone home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Damon and Mrs. Nancy Andrews were at Mrs. Fuller's, Aug. 15th.

NORTHWEST ALBANY.

The concert in this place, Sunday, was very nice, all did the best they could.

Alanson Tyler, wife and three children visited at Mrs. Ella Kennerson's, Thursday.

Mrs. C. W. Rolfe and Mildred Rolfe, also Mildred Tyler visited at Mrs. Jennie Bennett's, Thursday.

Willie and Rebecca Bennett, the children of Nathaniel Bennett, have been quite sick the past few days.

BIRTHS.

In East Otisfield, Aug. 11th, to the wife of George Edwards, a daughter.

In South Conway, Aug. 8, to the wife of Ernest Davidson, a daughter.

In Porter, Aug. 12, to the wife of B. G. Fox, a daughter.

In Farmington, Aug. 4, to the wife of A. M. Gerry, a daughter.

In Rumford Falls, Aug. 6, to the wife of Edward Lezotte, a daughter.

In Rumford Falls, Aug. 9, to the wife of Jas. Keenan, a daughter.

In Mexico, Aug. 8, to the wife of F. Allen Richards, a daughter.

In Bridgton, Aug. 15, to the wife of Arthur H. Swan, formerly of Norway, a daughter.

In Greenwood, Aug. 10, to the wife of E. W. Penley, a daughter.

In Denmark, Aug. 13, to the wife of Edward Semmlitz, a son.

Cambridge, N. H., July 12, to the wife of Paul West, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

In Norway, Aug. 17, by Rev. J. A. Harding, Robert N. Millett and Katherine W. Hobbs, also Rev. William E. Lombard and Susan L. Millett.

In Paris, Aug. 15, by Rev. Edwin W. Pierce, Sidney A. Thayer and Dora S. Colby, both of Paris.

In Mexico, Aug. 11, by Rev. G. B. Hamford, Lewis D. Howard of Rumford Falls and Mary A. Richards of Mexico.

In Andover, Aug. 11, by Rev. W. C. Wentworth, Eben F. Hutchins and Susan A. Poor.

DEATHS.

In Casco, Aug. 4, little son of James and Lizzie Small, aged 2 years.

In Bethel, Aug. 1, Mrs. Ella Lyon, widow of the late Abel Lyon.

In Andover, Aug. 9, George Cutting.

In Andover, Aug. 9, Emma Harlow, aged 85 years, 5 months.

In Mexico, Aug. 5, Milford C. son of W. I. White, aged 10 weeks.

In Lovell, Aug. 8, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kimball, aged 2 days.

In Denmark, Aug. 11, Mrs. Emily, wife of Moody F. Walker, aged 76 years.

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SOUTH WATERFORD.

Rev. George Smith preached at the Methodist church, last Sunday.

Bear Mt. Grange hold their annual field day at Sweden in M. L. Plummer's grove.

George S. Marr of Sweden was married to Mrs. Lillian Bennett, last Sunday. They started for Boston, Monday.

Guests at W. H. Haynes'—Mr. Korff, Roselle, W. J. Leonard Smith, H. Dur, Rev. George Smith and family, Plainfield, N. J.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the many friends who have cheered our loved mother in her long illness, by their acts of kindness and sympathy. For words of consolation, by the pastor, Rev. Israel Jordan, for the sweet songs rendered, and for the floral tributes, we are indebted grateful.

Mrs. GUSTA M. WHITMAN AND BROTHERS.

GROVER HILL.

"August, the farmer, happy fellow,
Laughs to see the grain grow yellow;
The heavy wheat he tosses up
From his right hand as from a cup."

R. R. Mayberry is cutting some meadow grass at present.

Mrs. Gusta M. Whitman has returned to her home by Worcester, Mass.

Alice Browne and friends from Waterford were guests at W. M. Brown's recently.

Flourance A. Browne, visited for a few days at her grandfather's, Walter Brown's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter, Norway, Mrs. Martha Lord and Mrs. Addie Abbott Auburn, and Mrs. Robert Beardsley Gorham N. H. were here to attend the funeral of their relative, Mrs. Ella F. Lyons, last week.

A Stranger Visits Empire Grove.

A Pleasant and Profitable Sabbath.—An Old Camp-Meeting Seen By New Eyes.

"St. Peter" met us at the gate and though he did not require our credentials he asked for the sum of twenty-five cents for each horse entering his domain. This we handed him and we were allowed to proceed on our way thankful that the horses and not we had to pay admission, for we were some half dozen, while they were only two.

Once past the little house by the gate we drove along and soon came to the neat, pretty little cottages, and then by the chapel where morning services were being held. They were singing, and the beautiful words of the hymn sounded through the quiet woods.

After driving through the grounds we saw on the hill just back of the camp the horses' department. In the center the carriages could be left and on the outer edge poles were extended four or five feet from the ground to which the horses could be hitched. The sun did not shine on this day, but on a warm sunny day should judge it might be rather hard for the beasts.

When we returned to the grounds the forenoon services were about to begin and the people were gathering from the cottages and the outer world to the seats of the auditorium in the grove. In the audience we noticed a large number of old people, also of young people. There were few of middle age.

The meeting was opened by a praise service led by Rev. H. L. Williams of Lisbon, Mrs. Williams playing the organ. Mr. Williams has a powerful voice and can be easily heard above all the other singing. A quartette composed of Rev. and Mrs. Williams, W. H. Cook and Lulu M. Cook of South Paris sang several selections.

The meeting was conducted in an able manner by an earnest and energetic worker, who also superintended the passing of the hats, but the contributions, as was announced in the afternoon, did not quite fulfill the requirements, for there were not only present necessities to look after but a debt to be cancelled. In the afternoon the ladies were called on to pass the hats in hopes of better success. We got our mite ready, but alas the ladies skipped that whole aisle on which we sat. We reluctantly returned the money to our pockets.

A fervent prayer was offered by Rev. G. B. Hannaford of Rumford Falls, followed by a sermon by Rev. G. D. Stanley of Oxford. He was a young man, but he gave an excellent sermon on the individual opinions of Christ. Theme, "What think ye of Christ." Text, Matt. xxii, 42.

Children's services were held in the chapel; also a service in the South Parish, between the forenoon and afternoon sessions.

We wandered through streets lined with picturesque cottages under the green foliage of the trees. Some are the tiniest little cottages, many are tents and several are so pretentious as to be houses, and perhaps a few could be called residences. Some were built in an ornamental style of architecture, others were very plain, but all the cottages that had inmates appeared to have happy ones. A number of the cottages were closed, we presume the owners will open them later. Nearly every cottage had out flowers or flowers growing about it.

The speaker's stand is in the form of an octagon, the roof surmounted by a bell. It is very appropriate for the place and occasion for which it is used.

Within a few feet of the stand on a low tree we noticed a bird's nest. Some boys were examining it, but whether it was occupied or not we cannot say. The seats, which were by no means filled, will seat a large number of people. They have a good sized chapel in which to hold services.

A little to one side on the grounds is a dining-room, and restaurant where food, fruit, etc., may be obtained.

In the afternoon there was music by the "Eolian Quartet of Park Street church, Lewiston, and a sermon by Rev. C. A. Southard, pastor of the same church, on the relation of pastor and people. Theme, "Love." Text, I John iii, 2. It was a fine sermon, impressively delivered, and full of the results of thought and experience.

After the sermon it was time to return to our homes and with regret we left the grounds for a drive of about sixteen miles. The last twelve miles accompanied by the thunder's distant roar, the lightning's glare and the constant expectation that the heavens would open and the rain descend upon us. Fortunately the rain held off till we reached Norway village where it descended with much power, and as we heard the rain dash against our houses were thankful that we had just escaped the tempest.

WELCHVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Washburn of Bradford, Mass. visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Annis of Lynn, Mass. who has been stopping with Mrs. W. E. Holmes has returned home.

Scott Patterson who has been confined to the house with a lame knee is now able to be at his shop a part of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Chaplin attended the reunion of Co. H. of the 17th Maine Regiment Aug. 17 at Lewellyn Spurs in Otisfield.

Annie and Fred Estes returned home from their wheel trip to Freeport last week Wednesday. The weather was not favorable for wheeling so they took the train home.

Several of our young people spent the great part of last week camping out on the shore of Hogan Pond, and returned home Friday, having had as much fun and rest as though they had been a hundred miles from home.

WEST SUMMER.

A. G. Parlin has a fine field of yellow corn.

Isabelle D. Townsend has returned to her home in New Haven, Conn.

Eva Murch of Buckfield visited at her uncle's, John Murch's, last week.

Mrs. H. O. Tuell was at North Paris, last Saturday, calling on old friends.

Mrs. Ira Murch of South Paris visited at John Murch's, a few days recently.

We notice a pretty new express wagon on our streets belonging to Chandler Bros.

Walter S. Field has accepted a position as teacher in Gould's academy at Bethel.

Hiram Tuell and family from Milton, Mass., are stopping at his brother's, E. S. Tuell's.

Geo. E. Pulsifer was at Norway, last Monday, and at Bethel, Tuesday, on business.

Mrs. Lancy from Portland has been stopping at John Heald's, for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Cornelia Moody, Mamie and Frank are stopping at her brother's, R. N. Stetson's.

Clarence Bisbee and Bennie Chandler went to South Paris on their wheels, last Saturday.

C. B. Bailey, wife (nee Lucia Turner) and little son from Lewiston are visiting at L. P. Merrill's.

Mrs. L. M. Gurney and Mrs. M. J. Pulsifer have had green corn from their gardens, for a week.

Charles Beals of Auburn, on his way home from Byron, stopped over night at the home of his friend, O. G. Chandler.

Mrs. Vining and two little daughters from South Weymouth, Mass., are visiting at Mrs. Isabel McAllister's and C. E. Handy's, their relatives.

C. M. Packard, wife and daughter Lulu from Canton Point were in our place, last Tuesday. They took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young.

Ralph Hemmingsway and his little cousin, Charlie Barrows, went hunting. Charlie shot and maimed a coon which Ralph dispatched with a club.

A little six years old boy from the city, visiting here for the first time in the country, said he wanted to stop to see cousin Lennie put the hens to bed.

H. Heath has been to Bridgton twice, of late, carrying Harriet and Angie Crockett to visit their brother Henry's widow and going after them some days later.

The young Mr. Davenport who was reported sick at Mrs. Edw. E. Kneel's, passed away last week. His father arrived too late to see him alive. The remains were carried to his home.

There was a pleasant family gathering at R. N. Stetson's, one day last week. Among those present were C. B. Bailey, wife and son, L. P. Merrill, wife, son and daughter, Mrs. Moody, daughter and son and aunt Polly Howe.

There was a heavy shower, Sunday night, and another very heavy one, Monday night. The lightning struck an oak tree back and quite near Mrs. Emeline Chandler's house, tearing off some bark from one side and shattering the post to the clothes rack.

Ten members of the Snowbound Reading Club met by invitation, Aug. 12, at Wallace Ryerson's, South Paris. A grand time was enjoyed by all. A fine dinner was partaken of and just before returning ice cream and cake were served on the piazza. One member of the party says it was a day long to be remembered and all agree with her.

Pleasant Lake Lodge installed officers, Saturday night, as follows:

Amos E. Parlin, I.
Ora Bonney, V. T.
Pearl West, Sec.
N. M. Varnum, S. G.
A. G. Farrar, M.
Dennis Parlin, G. C.
Will Bisbee, G.
W. G. Cushman, Sent.

Of 37 members in good standing 31 were present. The interest is very good and there has been an addition of nine members during the last quarter.

NORTH WATERFORD.

Blackberries are getting ripe and are quite plenty.

Charlie Eastman of Auburn is visiting friends in this vicinity.

The circle had an ice cream festival at the vestry, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sawyer spent last Sabbath with friends at North Lovell.

M. M. Hamlin and daughters, Bertha and Bessie, will start, Wednesday, for Brunswick to visit his brother, Charles Hamlin.

A picnic party of thirteen from East Stoneham came over in a hay rack and spent the day with their friend, Mrs. Will Rice, last Friday.

Quite a number went from this place to West Stoneham blueberrying, Tuesday. They are reported as being quite plenty back on the mountains.

Most of the farmers have finished cutting their English hay but are bothered about cutting the low land on account of the water. A fine crop of hay has been harvested in this vicinity.

Apples are rather scattering and potato fields look as though there would be a light crop; have been sold for \$1.40 a bushel and scarce at that.

E. W. Eastman of Auburn was in town, the past week, looking for water privileges for parties in Lewiston, who are thinking of starting some kind of manufacturing business if everything is favorable. We are glad to think that the railroad will bring more enterprise and occupation for our young men and that promises better times for us all.

A terrific shower of thunder and lightning, rain and hail, passed over, last Sunday p. m. The roads were badly washed and fields of grain were laid flat. Gardens and cornfields were badly damaged by the hail, also some windows were broken, I understand. Trees were uprooted and some were broken off by the wind. Altogether it was the worst shower we have had for some time.

WATERFORD PLAINS.—The farmers in this vicinity have not yet finished haying.

Wm. Putnam from Auburn passed through this vicinity with a load of very nice fresh mackerel of all kinds.

Mrs. Bisbee has a crew of Frenchmen tenting close by her house, cutting railroad ties for our electric railroad.

A. L. Tyler's cows got away and were gone two nights. The third night they came home themselves, about 10 o'clock.

Dr. Walker's boys were drawing a load to Lynchville, last Monday night, when they met some one stuck in the road and went to turn out and the wheel crushed in, letting the load over. They were out in the heavy shower of that night.

FRYEBURG.

Mrs. J. H. Sutcliffe has been on the sick list.

Wm. Wingate of New York recently visited us.

Mrs. W. W. Virgin has been at D. R. Hastings for a few days.

Eda and Eva Bickford have returned home from North Fryeburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Allen of East Stoneham recently visited at Dr. G. A. Allen's.

Mrs. A. F. Richardson of Castine, teachers and friends are at her home on Main street.

T. J. Allen, a student in a college of surgery in New York, has visited his brother, Rev. E. H. Abbott.

Miss Woodward has returned from California.

Mrs. Noyes of Norway has been at Enoch Chase's.

Mrs. Williams and son of Portland are at Mrs. Heald's.

Mary Barrows is home from Boston for a short vacation.

Caleb Page, a former principal of the academy, is in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Warren of Bethel spent Sunday in town.

The dates for the West-Oxford Fair are Sept. 23, 29 and 30.

Mrs. Coffin and daughter of Skowhegan have been at T. J. Eastman's.

Miss Gibson of North Conway, N. H., has been visiting Clara Tarbox.

Mr. Jenness, Mrs. Joseph Allard and Abbie Smith have returned from Nova Scotia.

Warren Towle, Randolph Surbridge and John S. Barrows of Boston were in town, this week.

William A. Eastman and family of Lowell, Mass., are spending several weeks in Fryeburg.

The Chautauque concerts and lectures of the closing week have been of much interest. Among the lectures were "Longfellow," by Ezekiel Butterworth, who gave very interesting reminiscences of the poet; "Books for Children," a fine address by Herbert V. Abbott; lectures on "Germans," by Samuel C. Prescott; and the recognition address by Rev. Geo. Swasey.

WATERFORD.

Mrs. Collamore is putting new blinds on her cottage.

Lottie Stone of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Daniel Brown.

Dr. Gordon and family of Brooklyn N. Y., are at the Lake House.

Mrs. Bertha Adams and children returned to their home in Brooklyn, last week.

The service at the Universalist church will be at 2.30, next Sunday p. m. Sabbath school, at 2.30.

Rev. Dr. Gibbons of Philadelphia will preach at the Congregational church, next Sunday, at 10.30 a. m.

Frank L. Stone, a veteran of "the late unpleasantness," is visiting friends here. He is in business in Boston.

Dr. Packard and C. D. Morse have gone on a fishing trip to Four Ponds with a party from the lower village.

The house of George L. Warren was struck by lightning during the shower Monday morning. It was very badly damaged, but wonderful to say, no one was hurt, though Mr. Warren, his wife and her sister, Miss Bennett, were in one of the rooms that were entered by the fire.

The concert given by the boarders under the direction of Prof. Brewer, last Friday evening, for the benefit of the Masons, was a grand success, both financially and otherwise. Between thirty and forty dollars was realized. After the concert was over the ladies of Keokuk Chapter, O. E. S., gave the talent a treat of ice cream and cake, which was appreciated. Prof. Brewer deserves and has the thanks of this community for his kindness in this and in years past.

An enthusiastic meeting of the citizens was held, last Monday evening, to complete arrangements for the 100th year of incorporation of the town. It was decided that the celebration should be on Friday, Sept. 3, at Col. A. S. Haggood's grove, if the day is suitable; if not, the celebration will be on Saturday, the 4th. The people, Col. Jacob L. Greene of Hartford, Conn., a native of this town, delivered the address, at 10.30 a. m. After dinner, short speeches will be made by those who may be present, among whom may appear Prof. H. P. Warren of Albany, N. Y., Dr. Thos. Gage of Worcester, Mass., Judge S. S. Stearns of Norway, Hon. A. S. Kimball of Norway, who, it is expected, will preside. The Town House will be used as a depository for relics of bygone days; and all who have in their possession anything in the way of pictures, crockery, furniture, wheels and tools of any kind of the old days, are earnestly requested to bring the same, on the day preceding the celebration, to Mr. Elbridge Walcott, who will be in charge of this department and see that everything is cared for. The bill of fare is to be varied, as it is to be a basket festival, and everybody can bring what they please, only be complimentary to the people. A picnic will be held in the town affair, and it is the hope of the committee that every man, woman and child living in Waterford will make special effort and be here, for it won't amount to much for us to wait for the next one.

OXFORD.

Elbridge Walcott is visiting friends in Auburn.

Mrs. Elmer Keach of Boston is visiting at N. Frost's.

Geo. Heath is putting a fresh coat of paint on his buildings.

Rev. Arthur Varley preached at the M. E. church, Sunday morning.

Alonso Chadbourne of Worcester, Mass., is visiting at Geo. Jones'.

Mrs. Hersey and Nellie Quinn of Boston are stopping at James Holden's.

Henry Hayes of New York is stopping here a few days with his brother, Cyrus Hayes.

Mrs. L. M. Keith gave a raspberry festival in the lodge of the S. of T., last Thursday night.

The Junior Christian Endeavorers held a picnic in Charles Smith's grove on the hill, last Thursday.

About twenty young men of this place took a carriage drive around Lake Thompson, Sunday.

Many of our citizens are attending the camp-meetings now in session at Methuen Falls and Poland.

Albert Parrott, Carl Edwards, Rev. Houston of Auburn and Willie Moorehouse of Lewiston camped out on the cape in Otisfield a few days last week.

The Bolster's Mills base ball team failed to meet their engagement here, Saturday, and the Oxfords played here with the Bell Hill team of Otisfield with a score of 19 to 17 in favor of the Oxfords.

F. E. Hanscom is the guest of George Hazen, this week.

A. R. Irving and wife attended the circus in Lewiston on Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Davis and son Howard are visiting friends in New Hampshire.

Rev. A. E. Varley closes his labors with the Congregational church, next Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. F. McAllister and daughter Inez are spending this week at the Advent camp grounds.

D. P. Shannahan, station agent at Oxford, went on the excursion to Berlin, N. H., Sunday, the 15th.

Hattie Andrews with her brother, F. B. Andrews, esq., will go on the excursion to Buffalo, N. Y., which starts on Saturday next.

Rev. A. E. Varley supplied the Methodist pulpit, Sunday, in the absence of Rev. G. D. Stanley, who preached at the Poland camp-meeting.

Mrs. Al. Butters has purchased the farm formerly owned by Frank Keen. This is the third proprietor of this farm within the past two years.

Several from this place attended the camp-meeting at Mechanic Falls on Sunday, last week. Emma Burns and Katie Colton riding their wheels.

In last week's Advertiser, we made a mistake in saying that Harry Goodyear had purchased the hardware store of H. O. Blake. He has bought a double tenement of J. B. Robinson on Pleasant street. Bennett is the new owner of the hardware store.

A little more than a week ago, Lucy Brown, who lived alone on Dean Hill, was found in her home, helpless, the result of a shock from which she did not recover. She died, Saturday, the 14th, aged about 55 years. The funeral was on Monday, Rev. G. D. Stanley officiating.

MASON.

H. G. Moson is on the sick list.

Albion P. Mason of West Bethel was in town, last Tuesday.

Clifford Wheeler and son were at S. O. Grover's, last Sunday.

F. I. Bean and daughter Marion went to Bethel, last Monday.

Nellie Bean went to Berlin, N. H., last Monday, to visit her sisters.

Idith Kennerson and daughter of Albany were in town, last Tuesday.

Fred Ordway of Gilead was in town, last Thursday, buying poultry and lambs.

Abbie Philbrook, daughter of Payson Philbrook, came home from Norway, last Tuesday, sick.

Our family horse, Kitty, gave us an addition to our trotting stock, last Monday, Robert Redwood.

Charles Brown, wife and two daughters and Elmer Stiles went to Portland on the excursion, last Sunday.

Two deer passed through Addison Bean's field, last Thursday morning, going between the barn and hen house.

The roar of thunder and flashes of lightning, last Sunday, on the Monday evenings, reminded us of the great artillery duels of Spotsylvania and Gettysburg, with the air full of bursting projectiles.

J. Hastings Bean and Ellery C. Park and wives of South Paris, and Charles F. Whitcomb of Norway took in the excursion to West Bethel, then by team to F. I. Bean's, returning on the 5 p. m. train from Berlin, N. H.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

Peter Thomas is clappingboard the gables of Tom Falarado's barn.

Samuel Thurston and Charles Adams cut C. K. Cary's hay for one-third of it.

Tennie Jones is spending the month of August with her father and friends in Massachusetts.

Farewell Walton from St. Louis has been visiting his old home and relatives in Peru and Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Lowe and son Frank from Oxford were at W. A. Wyman's, a few days recently.

Wallie Clark went on the Odd Fellows excursion, Aug. 14, and passed Sunday with a friend in Lewiston.

Mrs. Annie Coolidge and children from East Dixfield visited her sister, Mrs. Clara Bessey, recently.

Mrs. W. B. Thomas with two children from Boston have been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. L. Wyman.

Wallie Clark did not go in the Odd Fellows' excursion, Aug. 14th, as reported but went to Berlin Falls on an excursion, Aug. 15th.

George Elliott is confined to the house with a broken collar bone, which he got by being thrown from a load of hay, and the horse falling on him.

Samuel Richards, Ref. D. Doctor of Refraction, South Paris, Maine.

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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, Maine, and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of August, A. D. 1897.

HARRISON.

Bertha Pitts has gone to Old Orchard to do tangle work.

A number from here attended the New England fair.

Frank Bennett moved into his new house last Saturday.

Miss H. Susan Hanson from East Waterboro, is visiting at W. H. Briggs.

Rev. Mr. Minard speaks to the young people next Sabbath from the ages of ten to thirty.

The Sabbath Schools of this place united and went to Naples on a picnic Thursday, a good time was reported.

Marie Kimble, Whistler and Hum- orist, gives an entertainment next Saturday evening Aug. 21st at the Free Baptist vestage under the auspices of Y. P. S. C. E.

EAST DENMARK.

Eben Hilton is at work for H. M. Moxcey.

T. I. Lowell and Alfonso Hilton swapped horses, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hartford visited Mrs. Edgar Hilton, last Sunday.

Jesse Goldthwait of Haverhill visited his uncle, H. M. Moxcey, last week.

Henry R. Smith is visited by his mother, Mrs. Almira Smith of Yarmouth.

Mrs. Stephen Kimball of Lynn, Mass., is visiting her brother, Z. G. Whitney.

Walter Berry has sold his horses and went to Boston, Friday of last week, to join his family.

Fred Blaisdell of Monmouth is visiting his mother and brothers, H. A. and Chas. Blaisdell.

Alice Deering went to Baldwin, Saturday, and stopped over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Nath'l W